(c) There are 33 Family Counseling Centres functioning in Orissa.

Education mafia

4074. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1108 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th December, 2004 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that education sector is under the grip of education mafia in several States;

(b) whether Government are aware that in Uttaranchal several retired employees of the education department have been denied their retirement benefits despite Allahabad High Court orders with reference to Writ Petition No: 2757 of 1995 due to vested interests who are demanding bribes to clear their pension dues;

(c) what action has been taken against the official responsible;

(d) whether Government propose to order a CBI enquiry into the matter; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The matter pertains to State Government employees and therefore is not in the jurisdiction of the Central Government.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Periods in Kendriya Vidyalayas

† 4075. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to. state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of periods in Kendriya Vidyalayas has been reduced from nine to eight and as a result thereof the work load on teachers has increased;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.